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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Senior sociology major Kailey McCormack is currently analyzing research on cohabitation before marriage after involving Eastern students in an independent study that she conducted.

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After a rough season defensively and the nonrenewal of former Eastern head football coach Kim Dameron’s contract, the current season has finally come to an end.

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Community gives tips for staying motivated

By Logan Raschke
Campus Reporter | @DEN_News

After a long, enjoyable Thanksgiving break during a cold, dreary winter season, many college students are tempted to put classes on the backburner until the two weeks left of school are over.

Even though staying academically motivated can be challenging, the Student Success Center and Eastern students have some advice for others who may be struggling through the rest of the semester.

Emmanuel Ayiku, a graduate student majoring in college student affairs, works as an adviser for the Student Success Center and said helping others to thrive and remain motivated is the center’s purpose.

Soon after Thanksgiving break, Ayiku said he believes students start to lose motivation because they forget their goals and start to doubt the work they have already put into their educations.

Ayiku said communicating with others about everyday struggles is key to getting help during stagnant times.

“Go to the Student Success Center. Talk to faculty or staff, or just a friend, and let them know what you’re going through, because at the end of the day we’re here to build each other up,” he said. “(A person) is like a seed. A seed does not grow on its own. It needs sunlight, it needs water (and) it needs a lot of attention, so that’s why people need to build each other up.”

Something else that can be a motivation booster for students is keeping why they went to college in mind, pushing through and accomplishing their immediate goals one step at a time until the semester is over, he said.

History grad student Myrtle Castro and senior history major Emma Dambek admitted staying academically motivated has been quite the challenge.

Dambek said school has been a continuous cycle of papers and reading assignments this fall semester, which can get dull and repetitive after a while.

“It’s hard. It’s really hard to be motivated this time of year. (Castro and I are) history majors, so it’s a lot of writing papers and a lot of (reading),” she said.

Castro said the steady flow of homework, reading and writing has certainly taken a toll on her motivation.

She said she also did not realize just how long assignments take for grad students until time went on, which was a surprise that slowed her down at first.

Instead of dwelling on assignments or procrastinating, Castro said taking a deep breath and focusing on goals is key to staying motivated through the semester.

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Seth Yeakel, a mathematics major, drives a group in a golf cart during the Safety Walk Monday night outside of Old Main.

Safety walk held to identify hazards

By Brooke Schwartz
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Student government hosted the first of a two-night safety walk Monday night, with the second walk happening Thursday.

Seth Yeakel, committee chair of university enhancements on student government, said the goal of the walk is to try and consistently make students feel comfortable at Eastern.

“This walk consists of students and administration looking to increase safety on campus,” Yeakel said. “We go around in the hopes of trying to find areas that are repairable (and) areas that we deem unsafe for students in general.”

The walk happens annually because of a requirement in student government bylaws, said Ethan Osborne, internal affairs committee chairman on student government.

Last year, the walk happened in one night with volunteers spending around four hours checking out any safety hazards on campus.

This is Yeakel’s first year leading the walk, and he said he decided to split it up into a two-night affair this semester.

He also hopes to do a walk next semester as well, as opposed to doing the walk one time a year.

Yeakel said there are a few things in specific the volunteers are looking for.

“Lighting is on the top of the list,” he said. “4th street is also on the top of the list, and then concrete (is up there too).”

After the data from the two nights is collected, Yeakel will create a summary report that will be shared with student government and with administration, as well as a follow-up report next semester on what was fixed.

Osborne said Yeakel had expanded the walk this



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Seth Yeakel, a mathematics major, gives instructions to the participants of the Safety Walk Monday night in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

year by trying to get more organizations involved and more feedback from students.

Caitlyn Gastfield, adviser to internal affairs committee and university enhancements committee, said these walks are especially important for students who live in dorms.

“I think (the safety walk) is important because we have these students living on this campus, it’s kind of their home away from home, and we want to make sure that it’s safe,” Gastfield said. “For (students) to focus on school and other activities, we need to make sure they’re in a safe environment so that they feel

comfortable doing all those other things.”

Osborne said this walk is also important to improve campus as a whole.

“I think (the walk) really keeps us aware of like our campus; we always preach that we’re one of the top five safest campuses in the nation, and I feel like we ... (should) always strive to get better,” Osborne said. “Even though we’re number two (safest), what’s keeping us from number one?”

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Faculty Senate to discuss Unit B senate seat proposal

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Faculty Senate will discuss a proposal to create a dedicated Unit B seat on the senate, the email draft for faculty to be a part of the think tank and a topic for the presidential lecture series.

The role of annually contracted faculty, a part of the overall Unit B faculty, on the senate has been a topic of discussion since the senate’s Sept. 4 meeting.

ACF’s are said to make up from one-third to one-fourth of almost every department on campus, with some departments employing more or less ACFs.

There has been, in the past, little to no involvement from these faculty on senate or any other organization for a couple of reasons.

One main reason for this lack of involvement is that Unit A faculty are evaluated on their campus service, while Unit B faculty are not required to be involved on campus.

At that Sept. 4 meeting, provost Jay Gatrell said this lack of obligation should not lead to a complete lack of participation from ACFs.

“(University) citizenship isn’t merely about evaluations,” Gatrell said at that meeting. “I believe there’s something bigger about what we do here everyday.”

Stefan Eckert, senate member and associate professor of music, said he thinks this lack of required involvement is not the only reason why Unit B faculty do not always participate on university committees.

“After talking with (music Unit B faculty), we decided not to ask them to serve because ... there is a possibility they won’t have a job, and that is very different from Unit A,” Eckert said on Sept. 4. “It’s kind of bizarre to say, ‘Oh, we want you to be a part of (senate) but no, no, (the university) might not actually have a contract for you.’ I find that a little cruel because we have this issue that (music) could not

function without (Unit B), and we talk about ... including them, but at the same time if there is anyone laid off, it will be them before (Unit A) because of contracts.”

The senate’s discussion has been whether creating a designated Unit B seat on the senate will encourage ACFs to get involved, whether that seat will limit Unit B faculty in thinking they can only have one spot on senate when they can have as many seats as they wish and whether a dedicated seat will make any actual difference in involvement.

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GM to lay off up to 14K workers, close as many as 5 plants

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors will cut up to 14,000 workers in North America and put five plants up for possible closure as it abandons many of its car models and restructures to focus more on autonomous and electric vehicles, the automaker announced Monday.

The reductions could amount to as much as 8 percent of GM’s global workforce of 180,000 employees.

The restructuring reflects changing North American auto markets as manufacturers continue to shift away from cars toward SUVs and trucks. In October, almost 65 percent of new vehicles sold in the U.S. were trucks or SUVs. That figure was about 50 percent cars just five years ago.

GM is shedding cars largely because it doesn’t make money on them, Citi analyst Itay Michaeli wrote in a note to investors.

“We estimate sedans operate at a significant loss, hence the need for classic restructuring,” he wrote.

The reduction includes about 8,000 white-collar employees, or 15 percent of GM’s North American white-collar workforce. Some will take buyouts while others will be laid off.

At the factories, around 3,300 blue-collar workers could lose jobs in the U.S. and another 2,600 in Canada, but some U.S. workers could transfer to truck or SUV factories that are increasing production. The cuts mark GM’s first major downsizing since shedding thousands of jobs in the Great Recession.

President Donald Trump says his administration and lawmakers are exerting “a lot of pressure” on General Motors in response to its decision to cut up to 14,000 workers in North America and possibly shutter up to five plants. (Nov. 26)

The company also said it will stop operating two additional factories outside North America by the end of next year, in addition to a previously announced plant closure in Gunsan, South Korea.

General Motors Co.’s pre-emptive strike to get leaner before the next downturn likely will be followed by

Ford Motor Co., which has said it is restructuring and will lay off an unspecified number of white-collar workers. Toyota Motor Corp. also has discussed cutting costs, even though it’s building a new assembly plant in Alabama.

GM isn’t the first to abandon much of the car market. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles got out of small and mid-size cars two years ago, while Ford announced plans to shed all cars but the Mustang sports car in the U.S. in the coming years.

The layoffs come amid the backdrop of a trade wars between the U.S., China and Europe that likely will lead to higher prices for imported vehicles and those exported from the U.S. GM CEO Mary Barra said the company faces challenges from tariffs but she did not directly link the layoffs to them.

GM doesn’t foresee an economic downturn and is making the cuts “to get in front of it while the company is strong and while the economy is strong,” Barra told reporters.

Factories that could be closed include assembly plants in Detroit and Oshawa, Ontario, and Lordstown, Ohio, as well as transmission plants in Warren, Michigan, and near Baltimore.

‘Flawless’: NASA craft lands on Mars after perilous journey

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft designed to drill down into Mars’ interior landed on the planet Monday after a perilous, supersonic plunge through its red skies, setting off jubilation among scientists who had waited in white-knuckle suspense for confirmation to arrive across 100 million miles of space.

Flight controllers at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, leaped out of their chairs, screaming, dancing and hugging, upon learning that InSight had safely arrived on Mars, the graveyard for a multitude of previous missions.

“Touchdown confirmed!” a flight controller called out just before 3 p.m. EST, instantly dispelling the anxiety that gripped the control room as the spacecraft made its six-minute descent.

Because of the distance between Earth and Mars, it took eight minutes for confirmation to arrive, relayed by a pair of tiny satellites that had been trailing InSight throughout the six-month, 300-million-mile (482-million-kilometer) journey.

The two experimental satellites not only transmitted the good news in almost real time, they also sent back InSight’s first snapshot of Mars just 4½ minutes after landing.

Gene-edited baby claim by Chinese scientist sparks outrage

HONG KONG (AP) — Scientists and bioethics experts reacted with shock, anger and alarm Monday to a Chinese researcher’s claim that he helped make the world’s first genetically edited babies.

He Jiankui of Southern University of Science and Technology of China said he altered the DNA of twin girls born earlier this month to try to help them resist possible future infection with the AIDS virus — a dubious goal, ethically and scientifically.

There is no independent confirmation of what He says he did, and it has not been published in a journal where other experts could review it. He revealed it Monday in Hong Kong where a gene editing conference is getting underway, and previously in exclusive interviews with The Associated Press.

Reaction to the claim was swift and harsh.

More than 100 scientists signed a petition calling for greater oversight on gene editing experiments.

The university where He is based said it will hire experts to investigate, saying the work “seriously violated academic ethics and standards.”

A spokesman for He said he has been on leave from teaching since early this year but remains on the faculty and has a lab at the university.

A Chinese researcher claims that he helped make the world’s first gene-edited babies. But not everyone supports this controversial experiment. (Nov. 26)

Authorities in Shenzhen, the city where He’s lab is situated, also launched an investigation.

And Rice University in the United

States said it will investigate the involvement of physics professor Michael Deem. This sort of gene editing is banned in the U.S., though Deem said he worked with He on the project in China.

“Regardless of where it was conducted, this work as described in press reports violates scientific conduct guidelines and is inconsistent with ethical norms of the scientific community and Rice University,” the school said in a statement.

Gene editing is a way to rewrite DNA, the code of life, to try to supply a missing gene that is needed or disable one that is causing problems. It has only recently been tried in adults to treat serious diseases.

Editing eggs, sperm or embryos is different, because it makes permanent changes that can pass to future generations. Its risks are unknown, and leading scientists have called for a moratorium on its use except in lab studies until more is learned.

They include Feng Zhang and Jennifer Doudna, inventors of a powerful but simple new tool called CRISPR-cas9 that reportedly was used on the Chinese babies during fertility treatments when they were conceived.

“Not only do I see this as risky, but I am also deeply concerned about the lack of transparency” around the work, Zhang, a scientist at MIT’s Broad Institute, said in a statement. Medical advances need to be openly discussed with patients, doctors, scientists and society, he said.

Doudna, a scientist at the University of California, Berkeley and one of the Hong Kong conference organizers, said that He met with her Monday to tell her of his work, and that she and others plan to let him speak at the conference Wednesday as originally planned.

“None of the reported work has gone through the peer review process,” and the conference is aimed at hashing out important issues such as whether and when gene editing is appropriate, she said.

Doudna is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Zhang receives grant support from the organization, which also supports AP’s Health & Science Department.

Another conference leader, Harvard Medical School dean Dr. George Daley, said he worries about other scientists trying this in the absence of regulations or a ban.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

The Flu Then and Now: 1918 to 2018 | All Day | Booth Library

Booth Library's fall 2018 exhibit and program series provides historical information on the 1918 influenza pandemic and provides a current perspective on influenza.

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Student Rec Center | Open 5:30 AM - 11:00 PM

Booth Library | Open 8:00 AM - 1:00 AM

MLK Jr. Student Union | Open 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Students share thoughts on returning from break



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Jason Tabit, a freshman business management and sports management double major, said he was excited to be back at Eastern after visiting family in New York. "It feels good to be home," Tabit said.



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Elena Singleton, an undecided freshman, said while she was happy to be back on campus, she is ready for the next break. "I'm ready for Christmas," Singleton said.



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Eduardo Munoz, a freshman social science education major, said he is ready to finish up the semester strong. "I'm tired, but you've got to get back to work," Munoz said.



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Rebecca Schwartz, a graduate student studying college student affairs and associate resident director of Weller Hall, said she was happy to see her residents back at Weller, but she is ready to get to work to finish the semester. "It was a good restart, and now I'm ready to go and finish strong," Schwartz said.



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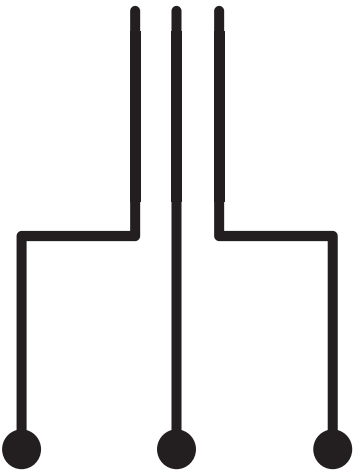

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STAFF EDITORIAL

How to be frugal while Christmas shopping

With the holiday break getting closer and closer, we at *The Daily Eastern News* can practically taste the sweet eggnog and sugar cookies that will be filling our tummies soon.

As Christmas decorations pop up everywhere and holiday carols sound in our eardrums louder every day, the desire to go full-on Christmas has taken over many people.

This past week there have been plenty of holiday deals for consumers to take advantage of, and many people have already gotten a chunk of their Christmas shopping done.

Whether it be from buying gifts or decorations, this season can quickly burn a hole in our wallets if we're not careful.

That's why we at The Daily Eastern News want to remind our readers of some things to keep in mind when making purchases this holiday season.

Budget your spending

Whether you have a solid income or not, it is a good idea to assess how much you are willing to spend in total on holiday gifts.

Once an overall budget is established, it will be easier to decide how much to spend on individual people.

Create a list of everyone you are shopping for and what they are getting; this will help you document not only how much you plan to spend on each person, but also who you have already bought presents for.

Don't forget to budget for other expenses as well, as you want to make sure you can pay for food, gas, bills and decorations, if you wish.

Take advantage of deals, but be careful

Many deals ended on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but stores run holiday promotions all the way up to Christmas.

If you have an established budget, deals are a great way to find nice presents that are inexpensive.

A lot of deals can be found online. For instance, Amazon has sales running through Dec. 2. Sometimes browsing through their deals can spark ideas for items that people would like as gifts.

The availability of reviews is a plus about shopping online, so you can ensure that what you're buying will be high-quality.

On the flip side, be careful to not buy something you don't need simply because it is on sale. Stick to your budget to avoid accidental overspending.

Consider home-making gifts

It is one thing to buy something for 10 dollars, wrap it up and give it to someone. But taking the time to hand-make something for a loved one says a lot more.

Whether you're creative or not, there are a lot of homemade gift ideas online with directions on how to make them.

It does not cost much to use your talents for others' benefit, and a gift that utilizes your time is more meaningful.

No matter how you decide to go about gift-giving, decorating and celebrating, it is important to be money-conscious.

Sometimes it is hard to hold back from buying all the Christmas-themed items that catch your eye. However, staying frugal will help you to avoid post-holiday regret.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Which Christmas movie is the best?

You're probably wondering why I've gathered all of you here today. As you know, Thanksgiving is now behind us, which means it's officially Christmas, which also means it's time for the best part of the Christmas season: Christmas movies.

One of the best things about Christmas movies is that there are so many of them, that span so many different genres, that there's something for everyone. It also means there's an eternal debate over which Christmas movie is the best Christmas movie—and that debate will never be settled.

Because there are so many Christmas movies, each one great but different than the next, it can feel like the movies are competing for your attention at times—that's why I've gathered you here today. I have also gathered the main characters from eight classic Christmas movies, and they're going to try to convince you, not of why their movie is the best, but of why they are the best character—or even hero—from a Christmas movie.

I'll be moderating the debate—first, I'll introduce all of our characters. We have Kevin from *Home Alone*, Buddy the Elf from *Elf*, Clark Griswold from *Christmas Vacation*, The Grinch, Ralphie from *A Christmas Story*, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Scott Calvin from *The Santa Clause* and John McClane from *Die Hard*. Let's get it started.

-Hi everybody.

(TOGETHER): Hi.



JACKSON BAYER

-My opening question for the group is, what is your individual contribution to Christmas—how have you left your impact and made the day better for others?

RALPHIE: Well, I got what I wanted for Christmas.

-That's it?

RALPHIE: Well, yeah. It was the best gift I ever received.

KEVIN: I made my family disappear!

-Kevin, I don't think that's really wha—

CLARK: Hey, you're that kid that took down the wet bandits.

KEVIN: Who are you?

CLARK: I live in Chicago.

BUDDY: I spread Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear!

-Buddy, didn't you fix Santa's sleigh and save Christmas, too?

BUDDY: I also traveled through the land of swirly

twirly gumdro—

RUDOLPH: Well, I saved Christmas by guiding Santa's sleigh with the light on my nose.

-That's great, Rudolph. Who else saved Christmas?

SCOTT: I killed Santa—

EVERYONE: Boo!

GRINCH: Hey, I like this guy.

SCOTT: —and then I became him.

BUDDY: SANTA! OH MY GO—

SCOTT: Do I know you?

BUDDY: Santa, it's me, Buddy...

-Nice to hear from you, Grinch. What have you done for Christmas?

GRINCH: I stole it—

CLARK: Why's this guy even here?

GRINCH: It's because I'm green, isn't it?

JOHN MCCLANE: Yippie-ki-yay, mother—

-OK, that's enough.

CLARK: Where do you think you're going? Nobody's leaving—

-You serious, Clark?

CLARK: We're gonna press on and we're gonna have the hap, hap, happiest Christmas since Bing Crosby tap-danced wi—

-I said that's enough. Thanks for coming, everyone.

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I'm not a fan of Mitch McConnell

I do not like US Senate majority speaker Mitch McConnell. Specifically, I do not like that he wants to cut 'entitlements,' because the deficit soared to 779 billion dollars. Here's why I do not like that.

When Republicans talk about 'entitlements,' what they're really doing is using tricky GOP doublespeak to talk about our problematic social safety net.

Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, all these 'entitlements' support our aging population and help ease the burden on rising healthcare costs, because our country is beginning to have a lot of elderly folks. Our birthrates are declining, because our institutions are dumpster fires and nobody feels stable enough to have children.

Now, tricky GOP doublespeak would have you believing that the only way to rectify the deficit is to throw the disadvantaged to the wolves. In fact, tricky GOP doublespeak would go all the way and end all 'entitlements,' because there are too many old people and the deficit is quite large.

The latter is true. 779 billion is a big number. But is it because of old people? After a cunning and harrowing investigation, I discovered it was not.

I Googled some stuff, and found out that the reason the deficit is huge is because the USA likes to declare war on abstract concepts. We have declared war on drugs, as well as terror. I assume we failed, as there are still drugs, and terror. The wars were successful in shipping boatloads of cash to Kellogg Brown and Root though—Dick Cheney's lil' side venture. And



COLIN ROBERTS

though the media won't report on this, the CIA is also waging a secret war on the color black, for its connection to BLM.

Okay, so the War on Terror added two billion to the deficit. But where'd the rest of that funny money come from? Was it entitlements? Maybe Mitch McConnell, who I'm not allowed to call a turtle man, was right?

Oh, actually no, back up. According to every result on Google, it's because we doubled our yearly defense spending. The current president's going to raise the number a little bit more, and we're going to be spending about 900 billion a year in 2019. Most of this 900 billion is necessary. We need a lot for our new F-35 Plus fighter, which is like the F-35 but its blue and double the price. We also need several million dollars for Rick and Morty stickers for our servicemen and women to attach to their weapons. Haha, get it? It's Missile Rick! Our government is responsible for the deaths of Yemini children.

Moving on, what else might be adding to the defi-

cit? I bet this is where entitlements come in. Oh wait, no. Apparently there was a tax cut in 2011 that added two trillion. And another tax cut by last year that will add 1.5 trillion over the next ten years.

Now, do we really care about the deficit when the tax cut could give us theoretical money now?

I guess it turns out that when corporations don't have to pay taxes, instead of reinvesting that into the economy, they just give upper management bonuses. But who cares about that, right? Us working class folks will still have a lil' walking around money! Oh. We won't? Long-term damages?

Oh. Damn. The GOP pulled another sneaky on us.

What's really crappy is most of the people drawing from their 'entitlements' are veterans and civil servants. McConnell thinks we should cut them, because 2018 GOP candidates are still somehow convincing people they're fiscal conservatives, and not warmongering rich assholes. Kick all the elderly off! More war! More tax-cuts for corporations! You get the idea.

This is why I do not like US Senate majority speaker Mitch McConnell. I am not allowed to call him a turtle man. I will say that he belongs back in the swamp he crawled out of.

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Student spotlight: Sociology major analyzing research on cohabitation

By **Logan Raschke**
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Senior sociology major Kailey McCormack involved Eastern’s student body in her independent study about people living together romantically before marriage, and now she is analyzing her findings.

McCormack said last semester she read an article for class that claimed people who cohabitate before marriage tend to have less successful relationships, which triggered an interest in her to study the subject further.

“The article found that those who cohabitate have a higher chance of divorce. This really bothered me because I currently cohabitate right now. I’ve lived with my boyfriend for almost two years now,” she said.

McCormack said the article further explained that cohabitation before marriage does not have much of a definitive negative influence on relationships unless the subjects cohabitate multiple times.

For her independent study, she said she was most interested in learning how family demographics influenced students’ opinions of cohabitation.

She said sexual orientation, religion, social class, political views and family household composition are factors that affect how people view cohabitation.

In order to conduct the study, McCormack said she produced a survey and passed it out to Eastern students.

McCormack said what students indicated in the surveys contradicted what she read in the article about cohabitation.

“I’m very surprised that a lot of par-

“The college experience is a lot more than the degree that you get. I think students who are doing this kind of work when there’s an independent study, self-learning and taking on huge projects acquire substantially more skills that they could then use in any kind of job.”

-Vernon Woodley, associate professor of sociology

ents who cohabitated weren’t divorced, and I found that some of them (who) didn’t cohabitate are divorced. So, I was really surprised by that finding just because that’s one generation before us who had more of a judgment about cohabitation,” she said.

Now that McCormack has all the data from her survey, she said she has just begun the analysis process and hopes she can present her findings at Indianapolis or Georgia in the future.

McCormack said she is also the president of Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociological honors association, and does volunteer work through the organization during her free time.

“(Alpha Kappa Delta has) had one fundraiser so far at Mi Casa, Tu Casa, and with the money that we raised from that, we’re going to buy gifts for patients at Sarah Bush (Hospital),” she said. “We volunteered at Standing Stone, which is a clothing, food and furniture store that helps out people with lower (incomes).”

Vernon Woodley, an associate professor of sociology, said he has helped McCormack with her independent study by offering advice.

“My role is usually a guide or a facilitator,” he said. “I have sort of my go-to template I give (independent study stu-

dents) ... It’s a sort of prompt that they can take.”

Woodley said students usually decide to take a final exam instead of conducting an independent study because taking the final is typically easier.

Even though independent studies are more challenging, Woodley said the experience is rewarding because students produce fine work that they can call their own.

“The reality is (that) the college experience is a lot more than the degree that you get,” he said. “I think students who are doing this kind of work when there’s an independent study, self-learning and taking on huge projects acquire substantially more skills that they could then use in any kind of job compared to other students who do not do that.”

Woodley said McCormack stands out because she takes charge, gets involved and does the hard work necessary to succeed, and he thinks others should aspire to be like that.

“I think she’s the kind of student Eastern should feature. I think she represents the best of Eastern for students,” he said.

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» FACULTY SENATE

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Steve Brantley, the head of reference and instruction services and a member of the Faculty Senate, discusses Unit B faculty participation on the senate at a Sept. 5 meeting.

Todd Bruns, Faculty Senate chair and scholarly communication librarian and institutional repository director, has consistently said he thinks the dedicated seat will encourage Unit B to run and participate in senate.

In the senate’s Oct. 2 meeting, Bruns voiced his support for a proposal like this.

(Unit B) could have run any time, and they haven’t, they never have, and I point that out when I talk to the departments,” Bruns said at that meeting. “But what I’m getting back is, they feel like a Unit B seat is an invitation to have a Unit B voice, they feel like there’s something about (a dedicated seat) that seems to formalize that.”

At the senate’s last meeting on Nov. 13, Bruns said he is going to bring a proposal to senate codifying the dedicated seat and that proposal will be discussed in

the senate’s meeting Nov. 27.

The senate will also be discussing the specific language for the email being sent out to faculty to call for volunteers and nominations on the proposed university think tank, a group being formed to look at macro trends in higher education.

Topics for the presidential lecture series, discussed by the senate last year, will also be brought forth and proposed.

At the Nov. 13 meeting, senators decided that choosing a topic for the lecture sooner rather than later is important as they need time to acquire speakers and presenters before next fall.

Josh Norman, associate vice president of enrollment management, is scheduled to be in attendance of the senate meeting.

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» MOTIVATION

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“You’ve made it this far. You can keep going, because remember you want that end goal,” Castro said. “It’s OK to change the end goal sometimes, as long as you work towards the end goal.”

Dambek said taking breaks from schoolwork and studying is sometimes necessary, too.

“It’s really important to get away from homework sometimes. Friends are

the best way to get away from it,” she said.

Junior sociology major Sara Griffin said this fall semester has been tough and she understands how others who are struggling to stay motivated feel.

Griffin said asking professors for help and communicating with family and friends takes a heavy burden off the shoulders of college students.

“If you need help, ask for help. It’s always available, and everybody—your parents, your friends, your teachers—they’re available to help,” she said. “Everybody always has something they need help with, so if you’re getting kind of not interested in school anymore, there’s always someone around you (that is) available.”

Naomi Atkinson, a junior majoring

in early childhood education, said devoting time to herself has helped her stay motivated this semester.

A good place for her to study and relax is the 24-hour City Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and she said she would recommend it to any Eastern student.

Above all, she said it is important for students to put their health before any

schoolwork when improving motivation.

“Keep in mind that it’s not the end of the world if you get one bad grade,” she said. “Take care of your mental health and your physical health (and) make sure you’re being the best you can be.”

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Awareness about Assange



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Clayton Redden, a Charleston resident, protests the Julian Assange case Saturday afternoon on Lincoln Avenue outside of Old Main. "I'm trying to bring Republicans and Democrats together, to spread awareness about the persecution and death of independent journalism," Redden said. "Spread awareness about the slow crucifixion of Julian Assange who has been exposing war crimes."

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1023

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 - 6 J. ____ Hoover
 - 11 Rainbow, for one
 - 14 Choir voices
 - 15 Band at a royal wedding
 - 16 Elevator unit
 - 17 Kid-lit character who travels via envelope
 - 19 Ref's decision
 - 20 ____ pad
 - 21 Communists and capitalists, e.g.
 - 23 Hot couple
 - 24 Thelma's portrayer in "Thelma & Louise"
 - 27 Trumped-up
 - 29 Lobster ____ Newburg
 - 30 Aloha State bird
 - 31 Mexican Mrs.
- 32 Catastrophic

34 U.S.O. audience

36 Co-star of "Stranger Things"

40 Dapper fellow

41 U.S. city connected to the outside only by airplane, boat and sled

42 What debtors do

45 "Piece of cake"

48 Japanese garden fish

49 Tops

51 "I can't believe we both know him"

55 Charlie Brown expletive

56 Western ravines

57 Ideal places

59 What might bring you to a screeching halt
- 60 Protective sportswear ... or a hint to the ends of 17-, 24-, 36- and 51-Across

64 Kimono tie

65 Choice for a prom

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28 Poet ____ St. Vincent Millay

33 It's not free of charge

34 Trainer's workplace

35 Brainstorm

37 Short narrative poem
- 38 Stir up

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43 Kayaker's attire

44 Double curve

45 Money held by a third party

46 Slide presentation?

47 Gulf War allies

48 On the up and up

50 Nativity scene

52 Performers who get top billing
- 53 Humble reply to "Great job, folks!"

54 The Pistons, on scoreboards

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Familiar faces lead OVC; Eastern falling behind

By Oscar Rzodkiewicz
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The two Ohio Valley Conference championship teams from last season, Belmont and Murray State, ride into week two of the season undefeated while Eastern hovers at .500.

After an 0-2 start to the season, the Panthers (3-3) rallied with two wins in three games at the visit-currituckOBX.com Battle in the Blue Ridge tournament this past weekend.

Eastern took both wins in dramatic fashion, edging out Gardner-Webb 79-78 in game one before taking Arkansas State in overtime and securing a 90-86 victory.

The Panthers fell to UNC Wilmington on Sunday 82-65, but sophomore transfer Josiah Wallace was named OVC Newcomer of the Week for his efforts.

Wallace posted 24 points per game over the course of the tournament, nailing 12 of 21 three-point attempts and a game-tying shot with just 1.4 seconds on the clock to force the OT matchup with Arkansas State.

Eastern's next contest will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. against Fort Wayne.

Wallace was also nominated for OVC Player of the Week, but that honor went to Murray State sophomore Ja Morant, who recorded a triple-double with 29 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists in a 77-66 win that moved the Racers to 3-0 on the year.

Murray State (3-0) takes on Prairie View this Saturday at 7 p.m. in the team's fifth game of the year, but the OVC-rival Belmont squad has five games and five wins in the books already.

After a few tighter matchups in the first three games, the Bruins (5-0) managed two blowout victories last week, including a 104-50 downing of Trevecca Nazarene



Eastern freshman Cam Burrell plays defense on an opponent from Eureka College on Nov. 2. Burrell has played in just two games this season for the Panthers.

and a 91-53 win against Kennesaw State on Saturday.

Belmont lost to Murray State in the OVC Champion 68-51 last season to be denied of an NCAA tournament berth.

The Bruins take on Samford on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Alongside Eastern in the con-

ference standings are three other .500 teams, including Tennessee-Martin, Eastern Kentucky, and Southeast Missouri.

Eastern Kentucky (3-3) notched one of its three wins on the season against Kennesaw by a 100-81 tally with the play of freshman Jomaru Brown, who was awarded OVC

Co-Freshman of the Week.

Brown recorded 21 points, four rebounds and two assists in just 22 minutes in the win.

Eastern Kentucky takes on Tennessee tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

The other Co-Freshman of the Week award went to Tennessee Tech freshman Hunter Vick af-

ter a 20-point night in the Golden Eagles' first victory of the year against Louisiana-Monroe.

Tennessee Tech moved to 1-5 and faces Winthrop tomorrow at 6 p.m.

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FOOTBALL | COLUMN

Dameron's removal puts period on ugly season

By JJ Bullock

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With the nonrenewal of former Eastern head football coach Kim Dameron's contract, the Eastern football team's season was punctuated with a move that only felt fitting giving the bleakness of the team's season as a whole.

It began with a four-game losing streak, one that saw the Panthers suffer blowout losses to Arkansas and Illinois State and two close, late-game losses to Indiana State and Tennessee State.

The blowout losses were themselves demoralizing in their own rights; Eastern lost five fumbles in a 55-20 loss to Arkansas and was embarrassed on the road 48-10 by in state rival Illinois State.

Both of those games were tough for Eastern to swallow, but it was the back-to-back late losses to Indiana State and Tennessee State that really took the wind out of the sails of the team. Each game was winnable for Eastern with the Panthers holding a lead at one point in both, but the team had to watch both games slip through their fingers late.

The difficult four-game start to the season prompted Eastern to switch its entire defense from a 4-3 scheme to a 3-3-5, a move the Panthers, and ultimately Dameron would sink or swim with the rest of the season.

Eastern resurfaced somewhat, breaking its losing streak with a week five win over Tennessee Tech 52-38. But the win was merely a band-aid that was not big enough to cover all the wounds and scars the team was marked with. Tennessee Tech was the worst team in the OVC and was by far the league's worst offense, and still Eastern gave up 38 points to them.

The win was nice on paper, but the issues that really plagued Eastern were still mighty relevant in the game. This was a flawed team that picked up an ugly win against an even more flawed team. In week six, the Panthers fell hard back into the reality they lived in.

Week six brought another Eastern loss, this time one that ended in tears on the sideline. Eastern lost another one-score game, this time to Murray State, once again at home. But what really stuck out about this game was the absolute implosion by the Panthers on



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Eastern cornerback DySaun Smith (12) consoles his teammate Mark Williams (21) following a 48-41 loss to Murray State on Oct. 6. The loss was one of the low points in Eastern's 3-8 season.

defense. Eastern gave up 48 points and an alarming 658 yards on defense, the third most in school history.

This was where Eastern's season came to its climax. Now at 1-6, with a defensive fix being nowhere in sight, the bells began to toll for Eastern just seven weeks into the season.

Eastern lost its next game to Jacksonville State, coming as little surprise to anyone. The Panthers were then 1-7 with four games to play.

A win the following week in overtime against Tennessee-Martin bumped them to 2-7, and a possible light

showed at the end of the tunnel for Eastern. If the Panthers could win out the season, they would finish with a 5-7 record, and possibly Dameron could make a case to retain his job.

But, once again, another one possession loss popped up right on cue for Eastern. The Panthers lost to Eastern Kentucky 31-23 and fell to 2-8. In a time when Eastern could not afford another loss, another fourth quarter full of misfires doomed them.

That game was followed with a huge win over Austin Peay at home in a 52-21 blowout win. The game brought

smiles back to Eastern, but little else of significance. Eastern would lose its final game of the season to Southeast Missouri, again in a one possession game.

Season over, Eastern 3-8.

So many of the Panthers' losses were within reach of turning into a win, but a chronic failure to close out games on defense lingered with Eastern all season. Gloom turned to doom with the loss to Murray State, and the Panthers' inability to find any kind of consistency made this one of the most disappointing seasons in long memory at Eastern.

Three new quarterbacks and a new

offensive coordinator had Eastern brimming with confidence and the thoughts of "what could be" at the beginning of the year. But it was the defense, which had been the staple of the program, that fell apart and cost Eastern games. Almost too ironically, the defense, which was where the program made its name, was the block which fell out of place and will be the main reason a new era of football will be ushered in at Eastern next season.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Majority of OVC over .500 in women's basketball

By Adam Tumino

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With about a month remaining until the start of conference play, seven OVC women's basketball teams have records above .500.

Leading the way is Morehead State at 5-1. They also lead the OVC in scoring offense, averaging 90.5 points per game.

Back on Nov. 20, Morehead State beat Alice Lloyd College 121-56, tying their school record for points. They also broke a school record, scoring 71 points in the first half.

Redshirt-junior Aliyah Jeune scored 30 in the win for the Golden Eagles on 13-20 shooting.

Currently occupying second place in the standings is reigning back-to-back OVC champions, Belmont.

The Bruins sit at 4-1 so far and are riding a four-game win streak, tied for the longest in the conference this season.

Despite their early success, Belmont is seventh in the OVC in scoring at 67 points per game.

Tied for third place is a trio of teams



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Eastern senior Jalisha Smith drives the basket in a 102-43 Eastern win over Oakland City on Nov. 3. The Panthers are 3-1 this season, matching their win total from all of last year.

at 3-1. Those teams are Eastern, Murray State and Southern Illinois Edwardsville.

Eastern's defense is the best in the

conference so far. The Panthers are only surrendering 53 points per game. They also boast the conference's fifth-best offense, scoring 77 points per game.

Their only loss came on the road against a talented Butler team on Nov. 9.

Southern Illinois Edwardsville's defense is narrowly in second place, giving up 53.5 points per game. The Cougars need this defensive efficiency to make up for their offense, which is currently the second worst in the OVC, averaging 53.8 points per game.

Murray State's offense is the reason for its success so far. The Racers are scoring 89 points per game, the second most in the OVC. Their best performance this season came against Oakland City on Nov. 10, a game the Racers won 113-55.

Like Eastern, Murray State's only loss came against Butler on the road.

A pair of Tennessee teams is the last two OVC teams over .500. Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin are tied for sixth place at 4-2.

Tennessee Tech has the fifth-best defense and sixth-best offense in the OVC this season, scoring 73.8 points and allowing 63.7 points per game.

Tennessee-Martin's offense is the third best in the OVC, scoring 87.5

points per game. However, they currently have the worst defense in the conference, allowing 90 points or more in three of their six games.

Thanks to their offense, the Skyhawks won two of those three games.

The individual leaderboards, much like the standings, are dominated by Morehead State. The OVC's top two scorers are Golden Eagles.

Senior guard Miranda Crockett leads the conference with 21.5 points per game, and redshirt-junior Aliyah Jeune is second with 20.2 points per game. They are the only two OVC players averaging over 20 points.

Eastern has two players in the top ten in scoring. Taylor Steele is seventh with 14.8 points per game, and Karle Pace is ninth with 13.8 points per game.

Most of the teams in the conference have been playing competitively so far.

The OVC has an overall record of 32-31, with Eastern Kentucky (0-5) and Tennessee State (0-7) being the only teams truly struggling.

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